

THE NAVAJO NATION



JONATHAN NEZ | **PRESIDENT** MYRON LIZER | **VICE PRESIDENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO : Division Directors/Executive Directors

FROM: 

Paulson Chaco, Chief of Staff
Office of the President and Vice President

DATE : May 24, 2021

RE : Travel Restriction and Travel Between Offices
(2nd Issuance of Memorandum)

This memorandum, first issued in April, outlined the limits of off-reservation travel for Navajo Nation employees and gave instructions on such travel, including travel between offices. Executive Order No. 004-2021 emphasizes that “the Navajo Nation travel restrictions remain in place due to COVID-19 spread in and around the Navajo Nation, and all Navajo Nation employees are restricted from off-reservation travel.”

The Health Command Operations Center’s most recent Public Health Emergency Order #2021-011, while directed at businesses, states, “As coronavirus vaccines are being made available on the Navajo Nation, *all preventative precautions should continue to be adhered to after receiving the vaccine.*” The Navajo Nation continues in declared emergency status with Executive Orders giving guidance to government operations.

Navajo Nation employees shall limit off-reservation travel and travel between Navajo government offices. Director approvals are limited and when allowed must include documented justification. Navajo Nation employees shall limit off-reservation travel and travel between offices as announced in Executive Order No. 004-2021. Limited travel is based on the following justifying criteria:

- Alternate no-contact mechanism have been exhausted (video conferencing, teleconferencing, or other remote conferencing)
- Extraordinary critical attention necessary to maintain operable government services
- Job duties and responsibilities will be critically impacted

Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated. Should you have questions, contact Brenda Yazzie directly at (928) 871-7244 or email at brendayazzie@navajo-nsn.gov. Thank you.

cc: President Jonathan Nez
Vice President Myron Lizer
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